

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CRIMINAL NO. 6:23-CR-00165-01
VERSUS	JUDGE S. MAURICE HICKS, JR.
MONTEL JOSEPH WILRIDGE (01)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE DAVID J. AYO

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON
FELONY GUILTY PLEA BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE**

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), and with the written and oral consent of the defendant, this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of guilty plea and allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This cause came before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for a change of plea hearing and allocution of the defendant, Montel Joseph Wilridge, on December 8, 2023. The defendant was present with appointed counsel, Aaron Adams. The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Casey Richmond.

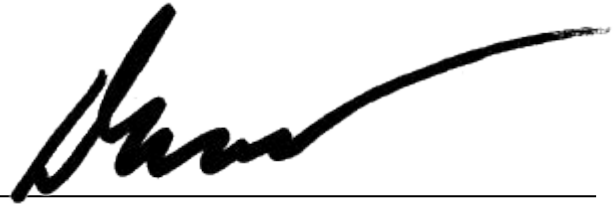
After the hearing, and for the reasons orally assigned, it is the finding of the undersigned that the defendant is fully competent, that his plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary, and that his guilty plea to Counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment is fully supported by a written factual basis for each of the essential elements of the offense.

Additionally, the defendant voluntarily waived the fourteen-day objection

period that would otherwise be available under 28 U.S.C. § 636. (Rec. Doc. 27).

Therefore, the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge recommends that the District Court **ACCEPT** the guilty plea of the defendant, Montel Joseph Wilridge, in accordance with the terms of the plea agreement filed in the record of these proceedings, and that Montel Joseph Wilridge be finally adjudged guilty of the offenses charged in Counts 1 and 3 of the Indictment.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in chambers, at Lafayette, Louisiana on this 26th day of February 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ayo', is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID J. AYO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE